

## From the American Community Survey: 1999

# Population and Housing Profile: Broward County, Florida

NOTES: The population estimates in this profile are for people living in households and group quarters.

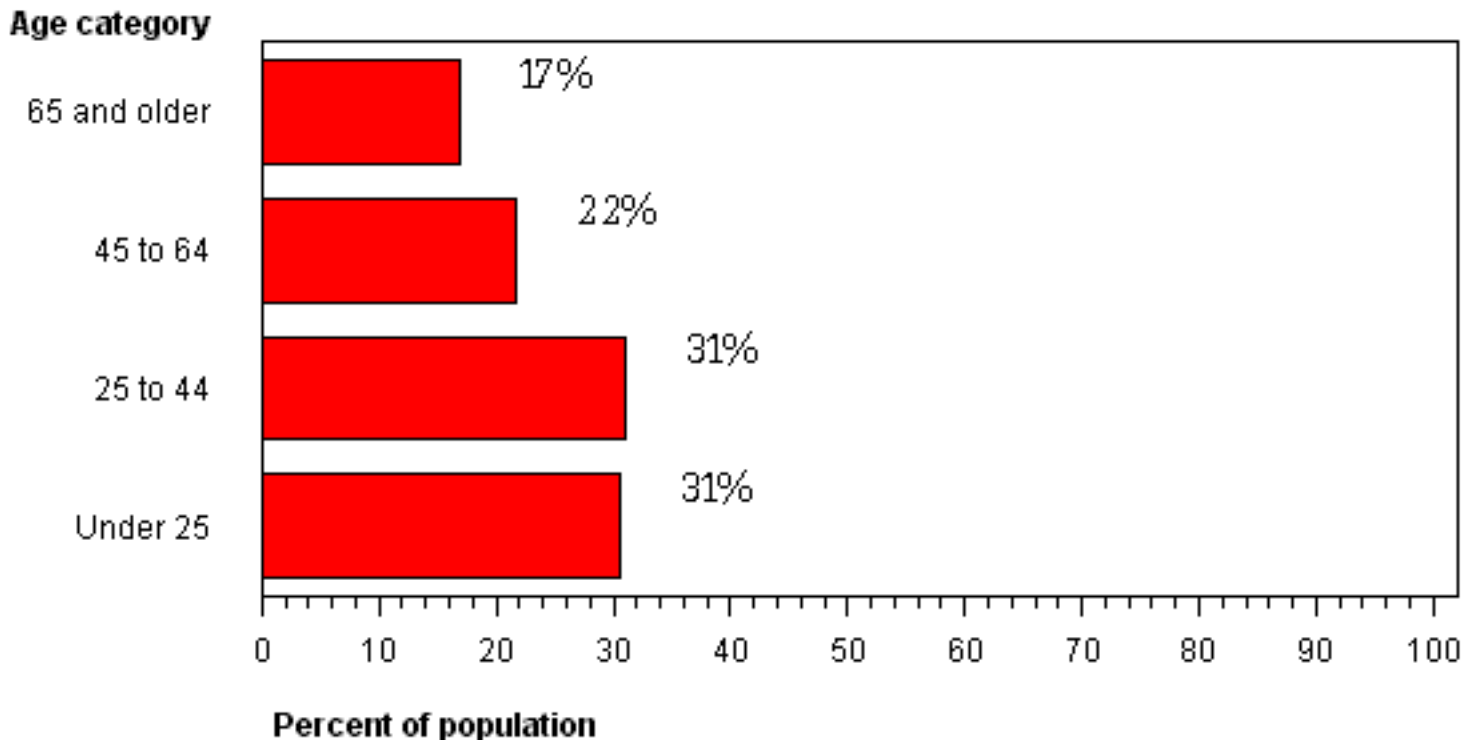
In the narrative profile below, if one sample estimate is larger than another, it does not necessarily mean that the same holds for their true values for the entire population. These estimates are derived from a sample of housing units and measure the true values with a degree of uncertainty. In the Profiles found at [www.census.gov/acs/www/index\\_c.htm](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/index_c.htm), this uncertainty is represented by the 90 percent confidence interval given for each estimate. For further information on confidence intervals see the Accuracy of the Data documents at [www.census.gov/acs/www/index\\_b.htm](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/index_b.htm).

Caution should be used when comparing data by race from previous years with those for 1999 due to the Census Bureau's implementation of the October 1997 revised standards for data on race and ethnicity. For the 1999 data, respondents may report one or more races and there are seven (American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, White, some other race, and two or more races) instead of five racial tabulation categories. The two or more races category includes all respondents who reported more than one race. See the methodology section for more details regarding these changes.

**These data are preliminary and should not be used for official purposes.**

**POPULATION OF Broward County:** In 1999, Broward County had a population of 1,535,468. The median age was 38.3 years. Twenty-three percent were under 18 years and 17 percent were 65 or older. There were 52 percent women and 48 percent men.

## The Age Distribution of People in Broward County, Florida in 1999



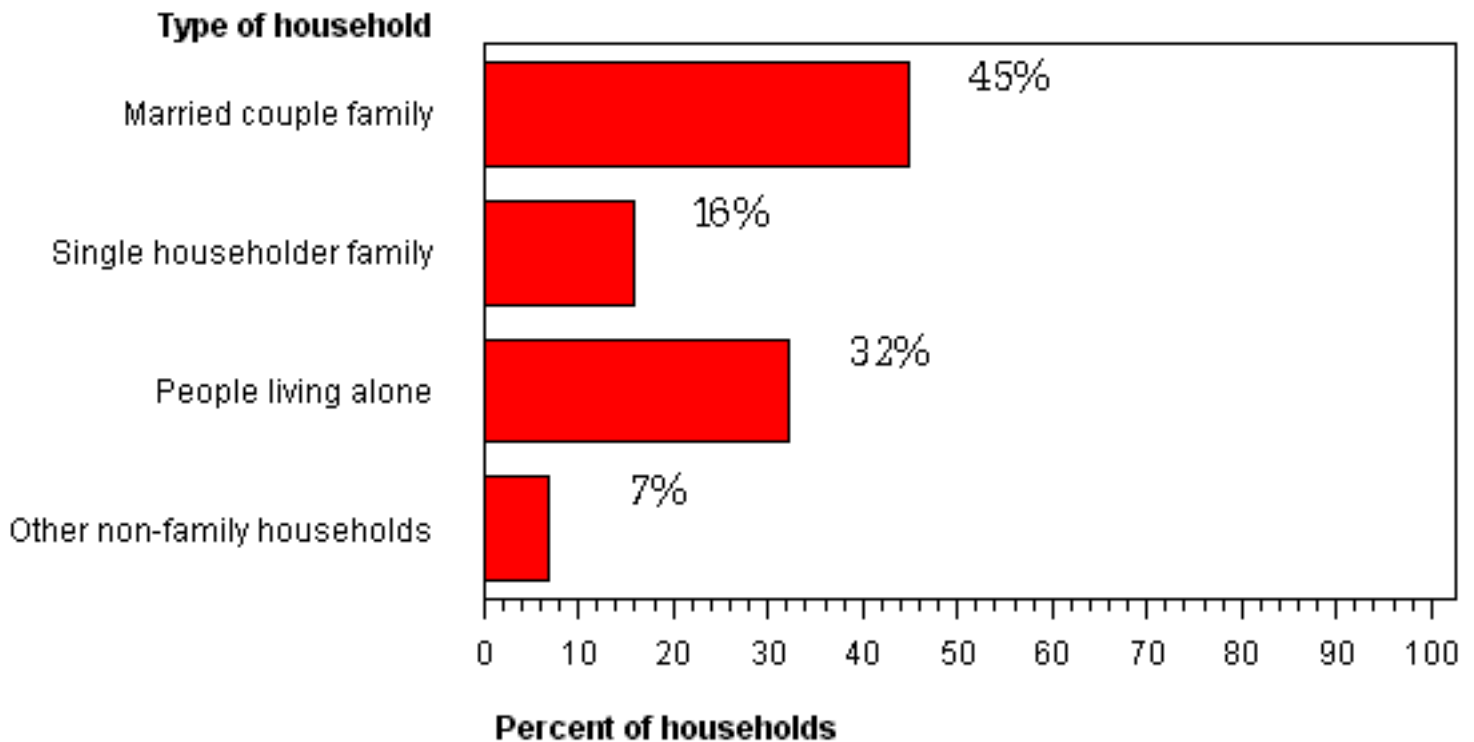
Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999

For people reporting one race, 67 percent of the people in Broward County were White, not of Hispanic origin; 19 percent were Black or African American, less than 0.5 percent were American Indian and Alaska Native, 2 percent were Asian, and less than 0.5 percent were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Two percent reported two or more races. Thirteen percent of the people of Broward County were of Hispanic origin. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

**HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES:** In 1999 there were 649,749 households in Broward County. The average household size was 2.34 people.

Families made up 61 percent of the households in Broward County that year. This figure includes both married couple families (45 percent) and other families with no spouse present (16 percent). Non-family households made up 39 percent of all households in Broward County. Most of the non-family households were people living alone, but some were people living in households maintained by non-relatives.

## The Types of Households in Broward County, Florida in 1999



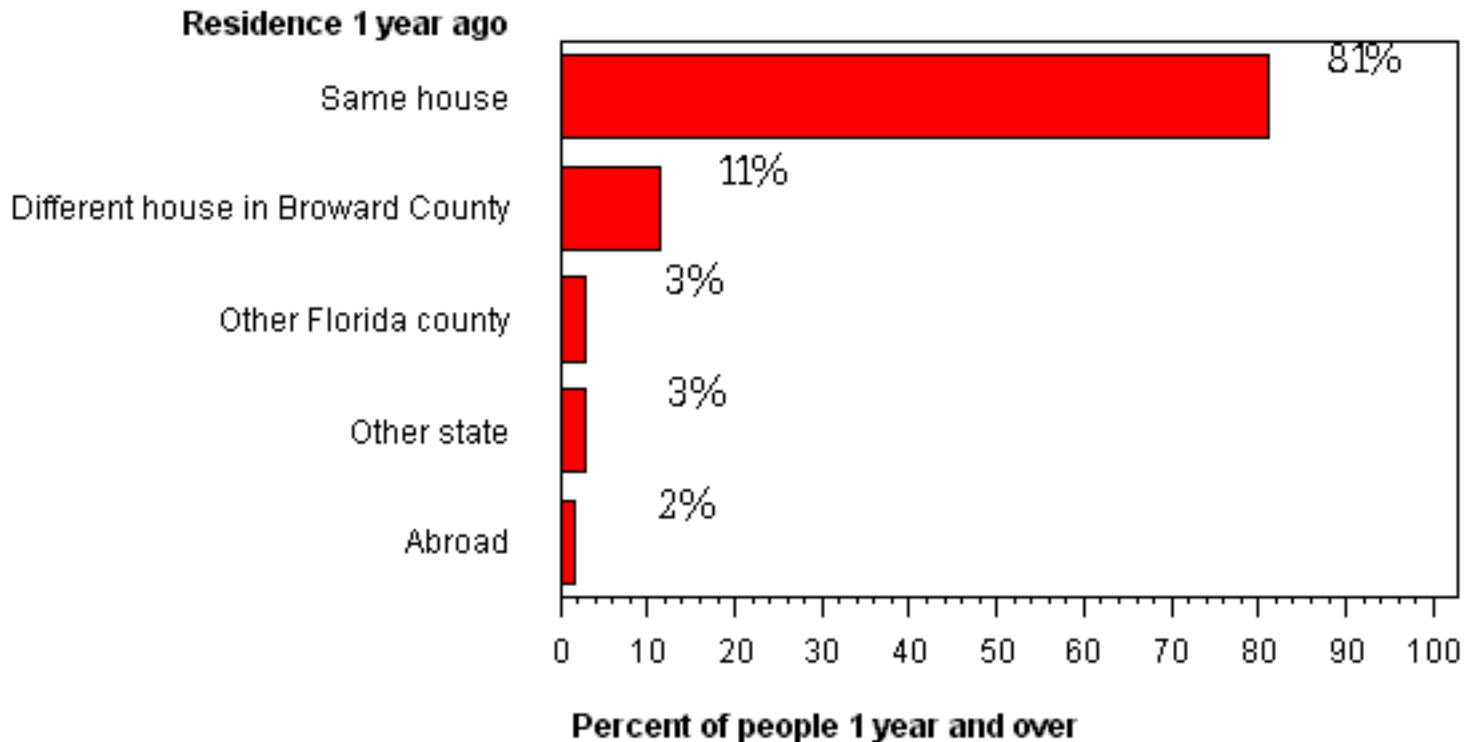
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**NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE:** Twenty-two percent of the people living in Broward County in 1999 were foreign born. Seventy-eight percent were native born, including 28 percent who were born in the State of Florida.

Among people at least five years old living in Broward County in 1999, 352,165 spoke a language other than English at home. Of this group, 52 percent spoke Spanish, and 48 percent spoke some other language; 39 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well".

**GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY:** In 1999, 81 percent of the people one year or older living in Broward County were living in the same house one year earlier; 11 percent had moved during the past year from another house in the same county, 3 percent from another Florida county, 3 percent from another state, and 2 percent from abroad.

## Geographic Mobility of Residents of Broward County, Florida in 1999

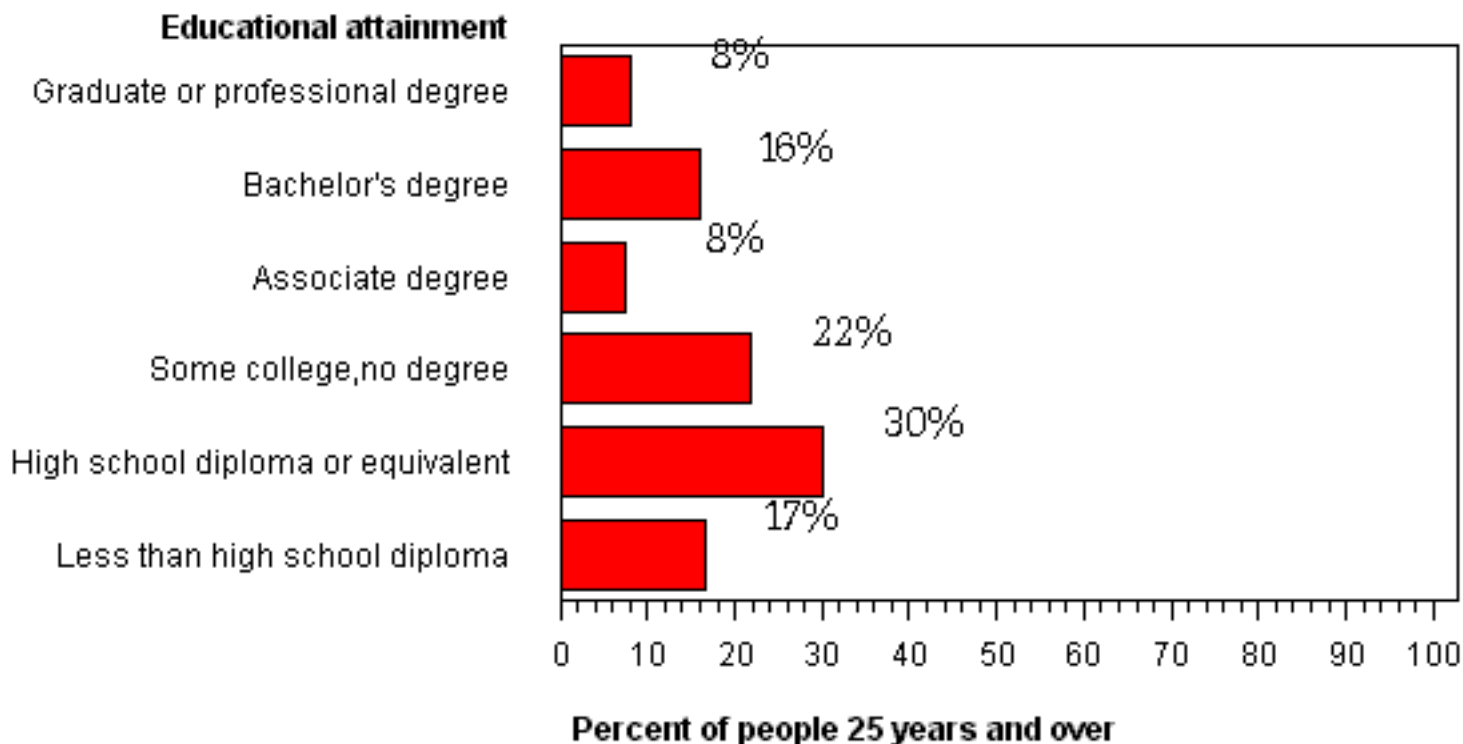


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**EDUCATION:** In 1999, 83 percent of people at least 25 years old had at least graduated from high school and 24 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Among people 16 to 19 years old, 12 percent were dropouts: They were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

The total school enrollment in Broward County was 368,231 in 1999. Preprimary school enrollment was 46,297 and 239,978 children were enrolled in elementary or high school. College enrollment was 81,956.

## The Educational Attainment of People in Broward County, Florida in 1999



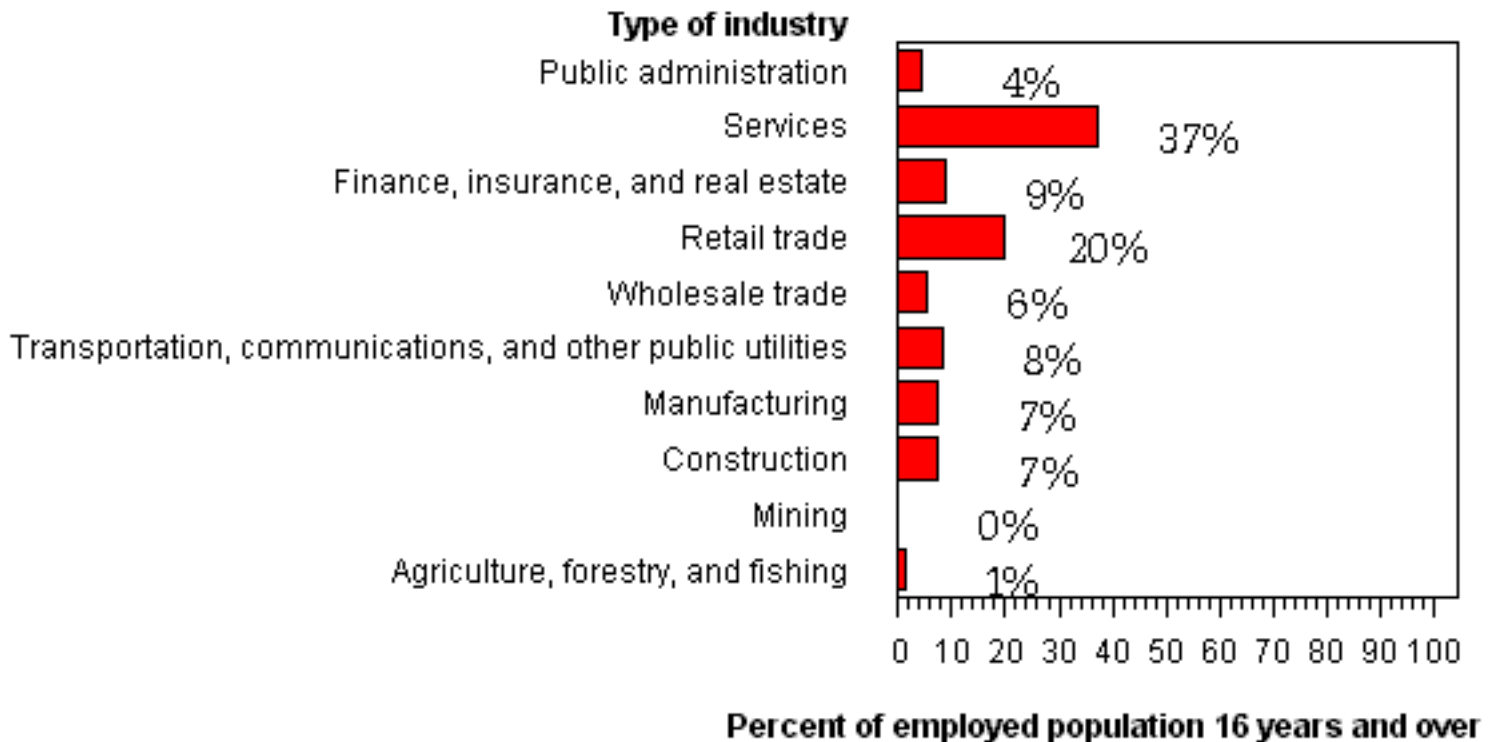
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**DISABILITY:** In Broward County, among people at least five years old in 1999, 15 percent had a disability. The likelihood of having one or more functional limitations varied by age - from 6 percent of people 5 to 20 years old, to 12 percent of people 21 to 64 years old, to 39 percent of those 65 and older.

**INDUSTRIES, OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER:** In 1999, for the employed population 16 and older, the leading industries in Broward County were Services, 37 percent, and Retail trade, 20 percent.

Among the most common occupations were: Technical, sales, and administrative support occupations, 35 percent; Managerial and professional specialty occupations, 30 percent; Service occupations, 15 percent; Precision production, craft, and repair occupations, 10 percent; and Operators, fabricators, and laborers, 9 percent. Seventy-six percent of the people in the employed labor force were Private wage and salary workers; 11 percent were Federal, state, or local government workers; and 11 percent were Self-employed.

## Employment by Industry in Broward County, Florida in 1999



Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999

**TRAVEL TO WORK:** Eighty-one percent of Broward County workers drove to work alone in 1999 and 11 percent car- or van-pooled. On average it took them 25 minutes to get to work.

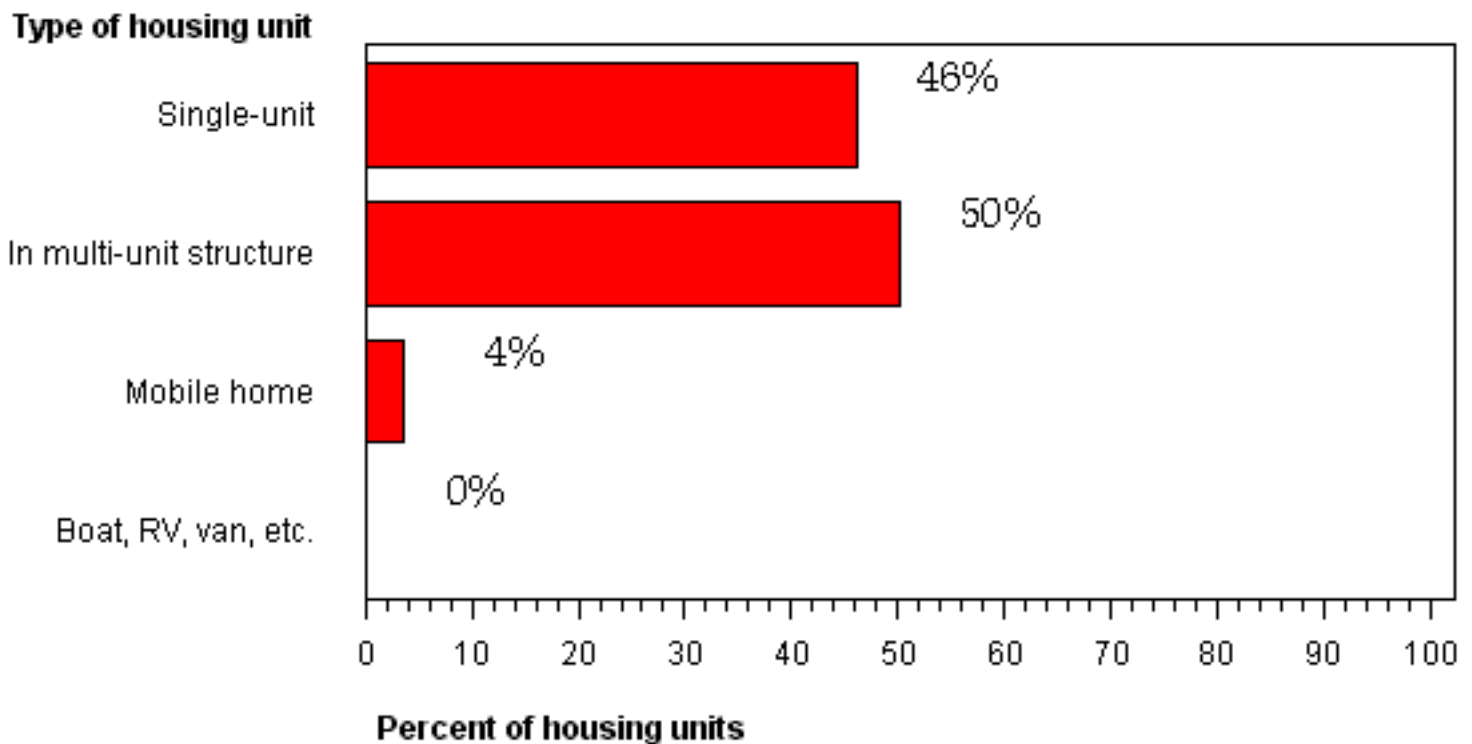
**INCOME:** The median income of households in Broward County was \$38,166. Seventy-five percent of the households received earnings and 15 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

**POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS:** In 1999, 10 percent of all families had incomes below the poverty level, compared with 23 percent of families with a female householder and no spouse present.

Eleven percent of the households in Broward County received means-tested public assistance or noncash benefits. Thirty percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$11,532.

**HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS:** In 1999, Broward County had a total of 751,020 housing units. Housing in Broward County was spread among 346,633 single-family homes (detached or attached), 27,759 mobile homes, and 376,367 units in multi-unit structures.

## The Types of Housing Units in Broward County, Florida in 1999



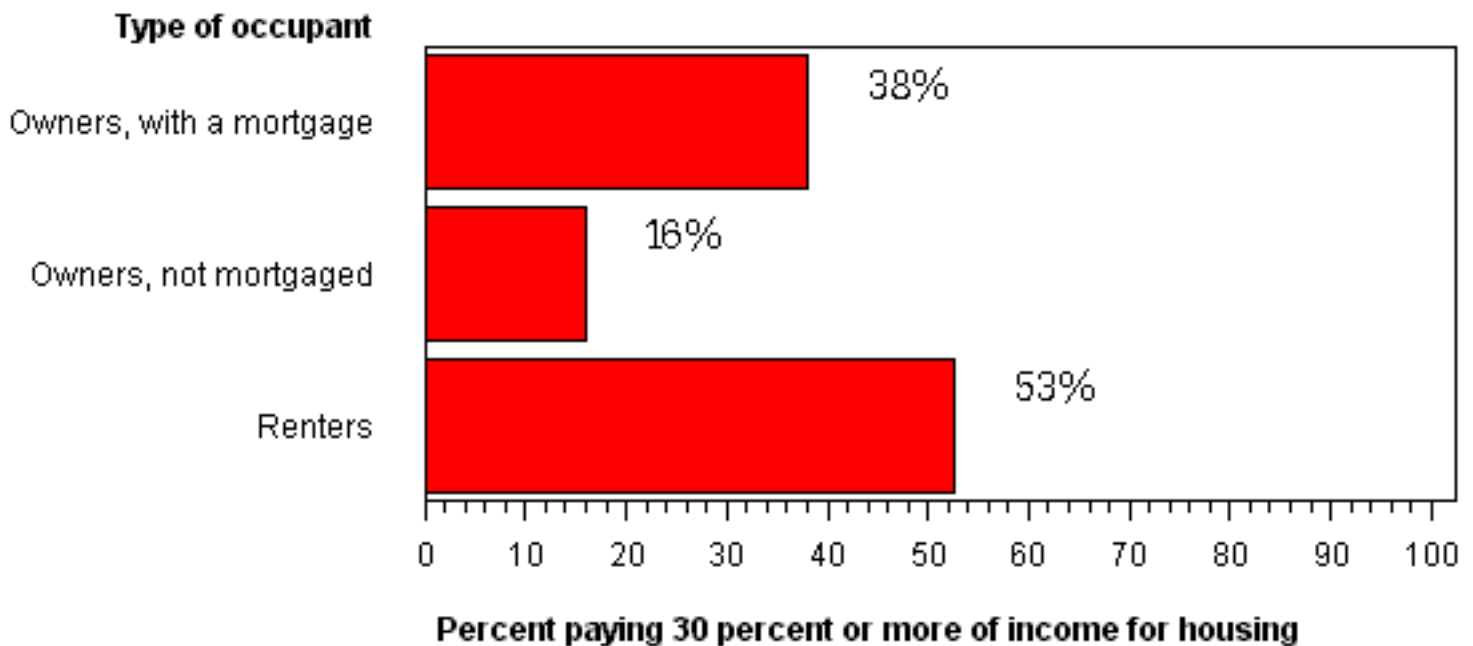
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In 1999, 13 percent of the housing units in Broward County were vacant. Fifty-six percent of the vacant units were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Fourteen percent of the housing units were built since 1990. One hundred percent of Broward County housing units had complete plumbing and 100 percent had complete kitchen facilities.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF OCCUPANTS:** The occupied units consisted of 448,331 that were owned by residents and 201,418 that were rented. Three percent of the households occupying these units reported not having telephone service in their home and 8 percent did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Thirty-six percent had two vehicles and another 10 percent had three or more.

**HOUSING COSTS:** Thirty-one percent of owners with mortgages in Broward County spent less than 20 percent of their household income on housing; 38 percent spent 30 percent or more on housing. Among renters, 23 percent spent less than 20 percent of their household income on rent and 53 percent spent 30 percent or more on rent. The median gross rent was \$745 per month.

## Occupants with a Housing Cost Burden in Broward County, Florida in 1999



Source: Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 1999